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Dear Andy:

I am writing to discuss briefly the Cruising Technician position, CAF-9, at your station. As you know, getting this job up to this salary level has been a long, hard pull with our Classification Section. I have discussed informally the possibility of classifying this job at P-3 rather than CAF-9. Without pushing too far, I am of the opinion that too much pressure on this one point might throw open to question whether or not any of our jobs other than the Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer and P-3 Radio Engineer Technician should actually be called Radio Engineer and rated as professional. Regardless of how we may feel about this matter, I am convinced that this is the general attitude taken not only by our Classification people, but by the Civil Service Commission. Hence, for the time being the job will remain classified at CAF-9.

I am anxious to fill these positions with qualified personnel and I should like very much to have [redacted] accept the position at Reseda. I know that being a professional rather than a CAF is much more satisfactory to our technicians. However, I feel first of all that [redacted] future lies with us and certainly we can at any time in the future change him to a professional without any difficulty at all. Secondly, I believe that the job description is actually what would count if he should care to look elsewhere for a job. In brief, I do not believe that he would jeopardize his future in any way by accepting this transfer to a CAF-9. I am anxious to have him do so if he can possibly see fit to do it, for two reasons. First, it would enable us to get our cruising program underway on a fuller scale than has been possible heretofore and, secondly, it would vacate a P-3 position, which would enable you to promote someone in the group from a CAF-8. Please discuss this with [redacted] at your earliest convenience, try to point out to him our feelings in the matter and assure him that we will do everything possible to protect his future with the government. Please advise if he is willing to accept a transfer and we will initiate it further delay.

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